

# CityCollegeNews

A newsletter for staff, faculty and alumni of George Brown College

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Anne Sado is joined by students in applauding Premier Dalton McGuinty (seated second from the right) for the provincial government's budgetary commitment to post-secondary education and training on May 13, 2005 at Ryerson University.

## Showing us the money

George Brown College's participation in the Rae Review process and advocacy through the Fund Colleges Now campaign has paid off — in the form of a \$6.2-billion commitment to post-secondary education by the Ontario government.

This commitment, to be met by 2009-10, is the largest multi-year investment in post-secondary education and training in 40 years, said Ontario Minister of Finance, Greg Sorbara when the 2005 budget was released. The reason for investing so much in higher learning and training is to create new jobs and generate economic growth.

Most budgets, both provincial and federal, are often dubbed in the media by what takes the highest priority. After the announcement was made on May 11, 2005, this budget was being referred to as the "post-secondary education budget" — a major victory for universities and colleges across Ontario.

"Our sector has never before come together so uniformly," said Anne Sado, GBC President. "The college community's contributions in town hall meetings, Rae Review consultations, media discussions and the online petition has resulted in a clear victory."

Some highlights of the budget include:

- Targeting under-represented groups including Aboriginals, persons with disabilities, and those who are the first in their family to attend post-secondary education
- Reforming apprenticeship education to include a one-stop training and employment system, improving access to labour markets, and setting objectives to increase the number of new entrants
- Increasing access for new Canadians and low-income families with tuition grants, expansion of loan eligibility, and parental interest relief
- Continuing the tuition freeze for 2005-06 and the implementation of a new tuition framework by September 2006 with the help of post-secondary institutions and students
- Creating a multi-year agreement between the government and institutions that set out enrolment and quality improvement targets

For more information and full details on the Ontario budget, go to [www.ontariobudget.fin.gov.on.ca/bud05e/index.htm](http://www.ontariobudget.fin.gov.on.ca/bud05e/index.htm).

## SAM makes it simple

A new software program is now being used to deliver the most popular computer course at the college, replacing the seven-year-old e-Course system.

SAM, or Skills Assessment Manager, will be used by about 6,000 full-time George Brown students each year to complete the mandatory COMP1082 course, a basic computer class that ensures all students are computer literate when they graduate.

The technology around e-Course was outdated and needed to be replaced by a more advanced and flexible program, said Sandra Neill, Professor, Computer Skills and Applications program, at Learning Innovations and Academic Development (LIAD).

E-Course did not take into account the vast differences in computer skills among students coming to George Brown — everyone had to be tested on even the most basic tasks no matter how computer literate they were, Neill explained.

But with SAM, a student will first complete an assessment test to determine what he or she already knows and the SAM software automatically eliminates the tasks the student can already do from the rest of the training — and from the customized tests the student ultimately takes to pass the course.

"With this new feature, students do not need to spend time training on content they already know," said Andrew Cheesman, a computer lab facilitator at St. James. He worked with students when e-Course was still in use and now with SAM. To him, there is no question that SAM is a better piece of software.

"Students required much more attention from the facilitators while they were doing their training with e-Course than they do with SAM which just shows that SAM is teaching them more efficiently."

Students can complete their training in the computer labs at St. James, Casa Loma and Ryerson or they can download the software on to their home computers. The time it takes to complete the course depends on how much the student already knows and how quickly

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## COMINGS AND GOINGS

For the period between January 1 and April 30, 2005:

### ARRIVALS...

**Genevieve Beaupre**  
Counsellor, Student Affairs

**Fabian Chung**  
Support Services Officer A,  
Community Services and Health Sciences

**Krista Duvall**  
Support Services Officer C,  
Centre for Continuous Learning

**Benjamin Fong**  
Senior Project Manager, Information Systems

**Pina Houle**  
Payroll Manager, Finance Department

**Esther Huynh**  
General D Clerk, Registrar's Office

**Lisa Johnston**  
Early Childhood Educator,  
Community Services and Health Sciences

**Kasrie (Monica) Kanhai**  
General C Clerk,  
Community Services and Health Sciences

**Dave Kornegay**  
Support Services Officer A, Student Affairs, SCS

**Clarissa Martin**  
ECE Assistant,  
Community Services and Health Sciences

**Shamilla Matthew**  
Atypical Library Technician,  
Educational Resources

**Amanda McCurdy**  
Atypical SSO, Educational Resources

**Arif Merchant**  
Atypical Technologist, Information Systems

**Angela Mitchell**  
General B Clerk, Human Resources

**Varsha Mohabir**  
General C Clerk, Human Resources

**Dilshad Punjani**  
General D Clerk, Registrar's Office

**Sathyia Ramamoorthy**  
Atypical, General Clerk, Finance Department

**Ann Smiley**  
Vice President, Advancement,  
Office of the President

**Frances Steciuk**  
Professor, Faculty of Business and Creative Arts

**Joy Takahashi**  
Sr. Brand Manager,  
Communications and Marketing

**Thai-Van To**  
Support Services Officer A, Human Resources

### DEPARTURES...

**Muhammad Aslam**  
Faculty of Technology

**Carmine Bozzo**  
Facilities Management

### Darin Caron

Centre for Continuous Learning

**Aldo Covello**  
Faculty of Business and Creative Arts

**David Edwards**  
Centre for Continuous Learning

**Kaan Firatli**  
Information Technology

**Cindy Fong**  
Communications and Marketing

**Robert Hutton**  
Facilities Management

**Moiz Kaderbhai**  
Information Systems

**Patricia Kitchen**  
Student Affairs

**Claudio Lewkowicz**  
Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism

**Judith Linton**  
Student Affairs

**Linda McCrory**  
Faculty of Community Services and  
Health Sciences

**Miles Mosher**  
Faculty of Business and Creative Arts

**Bita Rajaei**  
Centre for Continuous Learning

**Leo Suokas**  
Faculty of Technology

**Noel C. Young**  
Faculty of Technology

### TRANSFERS TO...

**Janet Austin**  
Centre for Continuous Learning

**Priscilla Castillo**  
Finance Department

**Liz Dantas**  
Operations Manager, Student Affairs

**Liz Gonzalez**  
Registrar's Office

**Gary Hallam**  
Chair, Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism

**Munir Noormohamed**  
Chair, Centre for Continuous Learning

**Jorge Pereira**  
Student Affairs – Disability Services

**Kimberly Vance**  
Director, Student Affairs

**Daniel Vasquez**  
Employment Services Co-ordinator,  
Human Resources

### IN MEMORY OF...

**Michael Ludolph**  
Faculty of Technology

**Noel T. Young**  
Faculty of Community Services and  
Health Sciences

## In memory of

On May 25, 2005, the friends, colleagues and family of **Michael Ludolph** gathered to remember the former director of the **Faculty of Technology** and pay tribute to his hard work and dedication to the college and its students.

Michael passed away on April 25, 2005 after battling illness for three years — a fact that many people who worked with him were completely unaware of.

Those at the reflection service were invited to say a few words about Michael including Joy McKinnon, Dean of the Faculty of Technology, Nancy Hood, Executive Director of Human Resources; Tom Stephenson, Manager of Apprenticeship Operations; Mark Krantzberg, a professor in the Construction and Environment – Regulations & Compliance program; Clint Kissoon, co-ordinator of the Construction Engineering Technician program; Ed Ksenych, a professor in Community Services; Edmund Rodrigues from the Ministry of the Environment; and Anne Sado, President.

Some had prepared speaking notes while others had not but everyone spoke from the heart about Michael's diplomacy, politeness, professionalism, dedication to the students and to the college, mentorship, support, love of travel and warm smile that inevitably broke out into "the laugh."

Three scholarships have been established in memory of Michael — The Michael Ludolph Construction Innovation Award, The Ontario Building Officials Scholarship in Memory of Michael Ludolph and the GBC Construction and Environment – Regulations & Compliance Award in Memory of Michael Ludolph.

If you would like to contribute to the GBC award, please contact Erin Agnew at ext. 4292 or eagnew@gbrown.on.ca.



Michael Ludolph congratulates student James Follett on winning the tuition draw for the Construction and Environment – Regulations & Compliance program on November 24, 2004.

# Convocation 2005

This year's Convocation Ceremonies will be held on Monday, June 13, Tuesday, June 14 and Wednesday, June 15, 2005 at the Hummingbird Centre for The Performing Arts at 1 Front St. E. For more information regarding Convocation, please go to [www.georgebrown.ca/Admin/Registr/gradinfo.html#maincontent](http://www.georgebrown.ca/Admin/Registr/gradinfo.html#maincontent).

## Monday, June 13

2:30 p.m. Faculty of Technology  
(including Bemidji State University and Apprenticeships)

## Tuesday, June 14

11:00 a.m. Faculty of Community Services and Health Sciences  
– Centre for Health Sciences  
– Centre for Nursing: Personal Support Worker

3:30 p.m. Faculty of Community Services and Health Sciences  
– Centre for Early Childhood Development  
– Centre for Nursing: Registered Practical Nurse

7:30 p.m. Faculty of Community Services and Health Sciences  
– Centre for Community Services & Development  
Access Centre of Excellence  
Centre for Continuous Learning: Educational Assistant

## Wednesday, June 15

11:00 a.m. Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism  
– Centre for Hospitality & Tourism Management  
– George Brown Chef School (including Apprenticeships)

Faculty of Business and Creative Arts  
– School of Performing Arts  
– Centre for Fashion Studies  
– School of General Arts and Sciences

3:30 p.m. Faculty of Business and Creative Arts  
– School of Business  
– Centre for Financial Services  
– School of Design

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Yorkville School of Makeup and Esthetics celebrates first anniversary

During the month of June, the Yorkville School of Makeup and Esthetics will be celebrating its first-year anniversary. As part of the festivities, a selection of fashion photographs will be on display in the main lobby of St. James campus at 200 King St. The exhibit runs from June 3 to 30, 2005.

### Retiree Benefits Information Session

Tuesday, June 7, 2005 – 10 a.m.  
Retiree benefits plans are changing.  
Get more information from Human Resources at this information session. Please visit [http://insite/human\\_resources/benefits.asp](http://insite/human_resources/benefits.asp) for more details and location.

### C'est La Vibe Fashion Show

Thursday, June 9, 2005 – 7 p.m.  
Presented by the Sport and Event Marketing program as a final project, this show will feature the designs of George Brown Fashion students. The show will be held at the Richmond Nightclub at 129 Peter St. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. All proceeds go to the George Brown Foundation. For tickets, contact [ce\\_la\\_vibe@hotmail.com](mailto:ce_la_vibe@hotmail.com).

### Summer Institute on Early Childhood Development

Thursday, June 9 – Friday, June 10, 2005  
Participants of the second annual Summer Institute will join leaders in early childhood education, psychology, public health and public policy to discuss and better understand human and societal development in the context of caring for and nurturing children.

### Annual Staff Picnic

Saturday, June 11, 2005 – all day  
Fabulous food, amazing activities for all ages, and cool prizes will make this annual event one to remember. The picnic will take place on Toronto Island or in the event of rain, at 300 Adelaide St. E. For more information, please call the Picnic Hotline at (416) 415-2900, ext. 6800.

### Gillian Johnston Speaks

Date: TBD  
Gillian Johnston, a George Brown professor in the Career and Work Counsellor program, has spent the last two years establishing career counselling programs in the United Arab Emirates. In June, she is returning to Toronto to share her exciting and rewarding experience with the college and the career and work counselling community. For more information, contact Dave Hurlbut at (416) 415-5000, ext. 2395 or [dhurlbut@gbrown.ca](mailto:dhurlbut@gbrown.ca).

## Read all about it

Because George Brown College is a large, complex organization, keeping up-to-date on what individuals and departments are up to can be challenging. But there is one, simple way everyone in the college can be kept in the loop — through newsletters.

Several programs and departments have established their own newsletters to communicate with many different audiences like students, faculty, staff, admin and industry partners.

Many of these newsletters can be found on the George Brown College website for easy downloading and printing. Just go to [www.georgebrown.ca/newsletters.html](http://www.georgebrown.ca/newsletters.html) and get the latest news, event listings and happenings in and around the college.

If you have a newsletter that you would like listed on this webpage, please contact Katrina Avrutov, the webmaster at [webmaster@gbrown.ca](mailto:webmaster@gbrown.ca).

## SAM makes it simple

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he or she can learn new skills, said Neill. The initial assessment reduces redundancy and frees up time that can be dedicated to other courses.

The self-directed class is just one of a number of courses in the Computer Skills and Applications (CSA) program offered through LIAD. There are more advanced and customized computer courses for specific programs such as Fashion Management and the Bachelor of Applied Business that will also be delivered by SAM.

Because so many students take the COMP1082 course, the process of inputting grades to Banner had to be automated. Without CSA technologist Miguel Roman, we would never have been able to do this, said Neill.

"Implementing SAM wouldn't have been possible without such a talented and dedicated CSA team including Denise Pontone, Michelle Lee, James Brouwer, Miguel Roman and Cal Shaw."

■ In celebration of Hearing Awareness Month, George Brown College participated in MAYFEST on Friday, May 13, 2005. The all-day event, held at St. Lawrence Market, featured crafts, information booths, Deaf entertainment and children's events. Representatives from the college's **Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services** and deaf studies programs such as **American Sign Language – English Interpreter, American Sign Language and Literacy Instructor, and Intervenor for Deaf-Blind Persons** provided information to visitors about George Brown's Deaf community. MAYFEST gave visitors, both Deaf and hearing, a great opportunity to experience the unique nature of Deaf culture.



**Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services** (left) and the suite of deaf studies programs participated in MAYFEST, the largest Deaf community event in Ontario on Friday, May 13, 2005.



Daniela Mastragostino (left), image consultant and ConEd instructor, shows Chelsea Takalo, a Top 20 Under 20 recipient, the proper placement of her utensils once she has completed her meal.

■ On Thursday, May 12, 2005, a unique group of students — **The Top 20 Under 20** — visited George Brown College for a crash-course in image consulting and business and dining etiquette. The Top 20 Under 20 is a national awards program organized by Youth in Motion, a charitable group that designs and implements motivational career programs for youth. The winners, chosen based on their leadership, innovation, entrepreneurial spirit and achievements, participated in a week-long Leadership Summit which included activities with Habitat for Humanity, the Rogers Centre, and George Brown College. **Daniela Mastragostino**, an image consultant and ConEd instructor, went through the do's and don'ts of corporate and social etiquette, dress code and dining etiquette in a workshop called Create your Image for Success. The students were so engaged in the session they bombarded her with questions about everything from what colour socks

should be worn to how to eat soup properly. The workshop continued at Siegfried's where the students had to use their newly acquired dining etiquette skills during a dinner prepared by the Chef School students. The group clearly enjoyed their time at George Brown and the entire Top 20 Under 20 experience. To read about The Top 20 Under 20 and their amazing achievements, go to [www.top20under20.ca](http://www.top20under20.ca).

■ For the month of May, the main lobby of St. James campus was transformed into an art gallery as the city-wide CONTACT photography festival made George Brown College one of its locations. You are Here showcased the work of photographers Ruth Skinner (an Information Specialist at Casa Loma), Krista Ellis and Jason Leizer (graduates of George Brown's ConEd photography certificate program), and Rupert Lazarus. This year is the first time George Brown has been involved in CONTACT which is the largest event of its kind in North America, featuring more than 400 local, national and international artists.



Ruth Skinner, photographer and Information Specialist in the Student Service Centre, helped to bring the CONTACT Photography Festival to George Brown College.

## SUCCESS IN THE CITY

■ Congratulations to Alex Barbier, retired George Brown Athletic Director, who has once again attained legendary status by being inducted into the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) Hall of Fame on Wednesday, May 4, 2005. He was inducted as a 'builder' which is an individual who has been vital to his or her college's athletic program and also a tremendous contributor to Ontario college athletics and recreation. In addition to serving as treasurer of the OCAA Executive Committee, Alex's most noted achievements were his advocacy for women's sports and ensuring equal opportunities for all colleges in terms of participation. He has also served for many years as a convenor in sports such as men's basketball, women's

basketball, and men's volleyball. It is truly great to see that Alex is not only a prominent figure in the George Brown community, but in the entire college system as well.

■ Put your hands together for Gillian Johnston, a professor in the Career and Work Counselling program, for being named the 2005 International Career Development Professional of the Year by the National Career Development Association (NCDA). For the past two years, Gillian has been on a leave from George Brown College, working at Sharjah Women's College in the United Arab Emirates. She is a faculty member and the curriculum developer for the Bachelor of Education, Career Advising and Career Counselling program, Sharjah Women's

College recognizes her as being "a driving force behind the development of the profession of career counselling." The NCDA award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to the field of career development on an international level. Gillian will receive her award at the NCDA's Global Conference on June 22. In September 2006, Gillian will be back in the classroom teaching at George Brown.

In recognizing that our students aren't the only ones destined for great things, Success in the City, acknowledges and applauds the innovation, intelligence and dedication of College administration, staff and faculty. To submit an item about a person within the College who has been honoured for his or her achievements and community spirit, please send the recipient's name and information about the award to [cwong@gbownc.on.ca](mailto:cwong@gbownc.on.ca).